

YOUR INVOLVEMENT *matters*

**INDIANA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES WORK
HARD FOR YOU, OUR CONSUMER-OWNERS,
AND THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.**

Your involvement and participation in your local electric cooperative is essential to the success and function of providing safe, reliable and affordable energy.

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DEBUNKING MYTHS ABOUT *electricity*

WHEN IT COMES TO ELECTRICITY, WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN KILL YOU.



MYTH: When a power line falls on the ground, it automatically becomes dead.

TRUTH: Assume a downed line is a **live line**. You should always stay away, 30 feet or so, even if you don't see sparks. Call your electric cooperative or 911 immediately when you see a downed line so trained personnel can take care of the problem.

MYTH: Rubber gloves and rubber shoes protect you from electricity.

TRUTH: That's true only if they are **100 percent pure rubber with no holes or tears (the kind that electric lineworkers wear and are regularly inspected).**

The gloves a lineman wears are laboratory tested to withstand 20,000 volts. Typical cleaning gloves and shoes, which are made with rubber mixed with cheaper materials, aren't going to protect you in an electrical encounter.

